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IFMA21 CONGRESS AND NEW IJAM JOURNAL EDITION

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Dear IFMA Newsletter Subscriber,

This Newsletter will be of interest to those considering attending the IFMA21 Congress in Edinburgh, Scotland from 2nd – 7th July 2017, or for those interested in the International Journal of Agricultural Management (IJAM).

IFMA21 – Congress Overview / Brochure PDF Document

An overview brochure for the IFMA21 congress has been produced to provide an easy way of promoting the Congress to those who have never been before to one of our Congresses. You can download it from our Future Congresses Page here:

<http://ifmaonline.org/congresses/future-congresses/>

Please, if you can, download and distribute this document to any of your colleagues, friends and contacts that you feel could be interested in participating in the congress.

If you have attended an IFMA Congress in the past - you are our foremost promoter of the IFMA congresses – your knowledge of previous congresses qualifies you uniquely to encourage others to come and benefit from the experience. So please – do make the effort to promote the congress to your wider field of contacts.

IFMA21 – Peer Review and Non Peer Review Paper, and Poster Submission – **** Deadline of Friday 10th February ****

If you wish to submit a paper or poster for presentation at the congress you have just one month left in which to submit it!

Here are the relevant dates for paper and poster submission, review completion, and date by which an author must register for the paper or poster to be included in the proceedings, and for a presentation slot during the congress to be allocated. This is a very friendly congress and an ideal venue for presenting papers – our younger presenters last year commented how well their presentations had been received in Québec, and how pleased they were with the discussions they had had with delegates following their presentation.

Date	Action
10th February 2017	Final Deadline for submitting papers and posters. Final Date by which proposal for a workshop must have been received.
28th April 2017	Date by which authors will have received notification that their paper or poster has been accepted or not.
26th May 2017	Final Deadline by which an author of accepted papers must have registered and paid to attend the Congress (to have the paper included in the programme).

Contributed paper sessions are an important part of the congress and there is a great desire to have practical farm management papers – not necessarily peer review - from farmers, farm managers, consultants and advisors which are always welcome and much appreciated by delegates.

The themes and details for submitting papers for the congress papers are available from the website on the [“Want to Present Something?”](#) page. Please be sure to check the specification documents before submitting your paper. Papers should be submitted through the IAgRM paper submission website as indicated in the paper specification document.

There is also the option to express an interest in organising or participating in a workshop on a specific topic – which also has to be submitted by the 10th February – again details on the website.

IFMA21 – Registration - Block Booking and Bank or Wire Transfer Payments.

The absolute preference is for delegates to book through the online system from the website [Registration Page](#). Please read the information on the page before starting to register.

In some circumstances there may be delegates who need to pay by Bank or Wire Transfer. These people should e-mail Richard Cooksley at IAgRM (richard@iagrm.com) indicating that they need to pay by Bank or Wire Transfer and asking him for a registration form and the bank details for making the transfer.

Anyone wanting to make a block booking of several delegates at once and to pay by bank or wire transfer should also e-mail Richard indicating their requirements. It is possible to register several delegates (as well as accompanying persons) at once using the online registration process by adding delegates to an initial booking – but payment is by credit card only.

Don't forget you need to have the 4 top Field Trip preferences for each delegate before you attempt to register.

IFMA21 – Accommodation notes.

Once you have registered for the congress do not delay in booking your accommodation. Edinburgh is a very popular tourist city and so accommodation tends to be in short supply – especially for July. The organisers have “blocked” rooms for the congress – but as we approach the congress these will become more and more difficult to retain.

The organisers of the congress are hoping that most delegates will book their accommodation on the Pollock Halls (Edinburgh First) University accommodation campus. City Hotel accommodation will probably incur a short bus journey each day to the Pollock Halls campus where the conference elements of the congress will be held, and where the coaches for Field Trips and Accompanying Person tours will depart. Please see the previous Newsletter for more information. Payment for reservations on the Pollock Halls (Edinburgh First) campus must be made at the time of booking.

WARNING: Be careful to use the drop down menu from the Accommodation Tab on the congress website when making your accommodation booking!! The Accommodation Page provides the options for accommodation for the congress – and in the case of the Onsite Accommodation provides links to the 3 onsite options. You can use these links to find out more information about the options – **BUT DO NOT** use the links from these pages to make your booking. If you do you will go to the non-congress booking system and so not get the reduced IFMA rate – or be offered rooms from the IFMA Congress allocation.

Remember for the Onsite Accommodation to use the Code “IFMA17”. Again please see my previous (end of December) Newsletter for information on dates outside of the 2nd – 7th July bookings. (Pre Congress Tour now ends on 2nd July – so **no need** for tour participants to book accommodation for the night of Saturday 1st July).

IJAM New Edition – Vol.5 No.4 – Contents.

It is a great pleasure to announce that a new edition of the International Journal of Agricultural Management (IJAM) has recently been published on the [Ingenta Publishing website](#)

This edition is Vol.5 No.4. There are 5 peer reviewed articles from 5 different countries – all on different subjects as follows:

Farmer attitudes to cross-holding agri-environment schemes and their implications for Countryside Stewardship

Jeremy Franks, Steven Emery, Mark Whittingham and Ailsa McKenzie (United Kingdom)

Multi-year agro-economic modelling for predicting changes in irrigation water management indicators in the Tadla sub-basin

Hayat Lionboui, Tarik Benabdelouahab, Fouad Elame, Aziz Hasib and Abdelali Boulli (Morocco)

High rates of regular soil testing by Irish dairy farmers but nationally soil fertility is declining: Factors influencing national and voluntary adoption

Edel Kelly, Kevin Heanue, Colm O' Gorman and Cathal Buckley (Ireland)

Sustainable Land Values and Price Premiums for North American Farmland

Marvin J. Painter (Canada)

Livelihood assets contributing to the sustainable livelihoods of smallholder livestock farmers in the Northeast region of Thailand

Tararat Mulika and Jayant K. Routray (Thailand)

As a member you are entitled to free access to all IJAM Journal Papers – but you must have registered to have access. If you have not already done so and wish to have the details and process of registering please contact me. Many thanks to all the authors for selecting the Journal to publish their papers.

The Editor of the Journal is always keen to receive papers, points of view, and other articles for the Journal – to find out more go to the IJAM [Journal website](#) and for guidance on submitting papers etc. go to <http://www.ijagman.org/guidance-for-contributors>

AND FINALLY

If you are planning on participating in the Pre (London – Edinburgh) or Post (Around Scotland) Congress Tours the **early booking period ends on 28th February** after which a £100 surcharge will be applied to each booking. Book through the Congress website tours pages: <http://www.ifma21.org/tours/pre-tour> OR <http://www.ifma21.org/tours/post-tour/>

Please promote the IFMA21 Congress – the prospects are good for another excellent one – and I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it in Edinburgh in July.

My Best Regards,
Tony.

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International Farm Management Association